

For International Scholarships

# 'Bridge' Links Continents

By Marie McNair

THE American Field Service worked up an outstandingly successful benefit last night, despite a pre-curtain snowfall, all for their international scholarship program.

The Washington premiere of "Bridge on the River Kwai," at the Trans-Lux, benefitted the already established 29 peaceful and friendly bridges between 29 countries and the United States, under the AFS program.

In Washington's top-hat audience last night was one of the movie's stars, Japanese screen veteran and silent movie villain Sessue Hayakawa. He was being interviewed outside by radio and Voice of America representatives. So was little Marissa Leonzio, the Italian girl brought to the United States to publicize the film after Columbia Pictures

built a bridge she had requested in a letter.

The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Nicaraguan Ambassador Sevilla-Sacasa, arrived with his wife. Others getting out of their cars in the snow were former Secretary of State Dean Acheson, former Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Charles Thomas, Uruguayan Ambassador and Senora De Lacarte, Countess Szechenyi, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Adm. and Mrs. Neill Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wadsworth, Senorita Mercedes De Areilza, Mrs. Crosby Miller and Berend Drybar.

A BARRAGE of cameras clicked as guests arrived from early dinner parties.

Senator and Mrs. J. William Fulbright were among Mr. and Mrs. James Van Alen's dinner guests. Also in the group were Mrs. Harold Coolidge, co-chairman of the benefit with Mrs. H. Gates Lloyd; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dewey, and former Ambassador and Mrs. Philip Crowe.

Former Ambassador and Mrs. Myron Cowen entertained at a buffet supper before the premiere, having as guests former Ambassador and Mrs. Amos Peaslee, former Ambassador and

Mrs. John Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Coonley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hecht, Mr. and Mrs. W. John Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. James Barnes; the Italian Minister, Egidio Ortona, Mrs. Clark Thompson, Mrs. Francis Whitten, and Miss Helen Sioussat, who is back to live in Washington.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Simmons were the Luxembourg Ambassador and Mme. DeGallais, the Greek Ambassador and Mme. Melas, and Under Secretary of the Air Force and Mrs. Malcolm MacIntyre.

Judge and Mrs. Homer Ferguson, and the British Embassy's Information Counselor and Mrs. D'Arcy Edmondson dined first with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew de Limur, and went to the theater.

Others who were hosts at dinner were Senator and Mrs. Joseph S. Clark, Admiral and Mrs. Arthur Radford, Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Thomas Gates, Mrs. Robert Low Bacon, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Edward H. Cushing, Dr. and Mrs. Paul B. Magnuson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ege, Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Hamm Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. William Joyce.